

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, St. Mary's Catholic School was dedicated by Bishop O'Gorman on September 18, 1910, at Dell Rapids, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, The school opened its doors with 125 students and a staff of six Presentation Sisters; and,

*Whereas*, In 1915, St. Mary's Catholic School celebrated the graduation of seven students; and,

*Whereas*, Over the past 100 years, St. Mary's Catholic School has seen over 1,700 students graduate; and,

*Whereas*, St. Mary's Catholic School is the only Catholic Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school in South Dakota supported by a single parish; and,

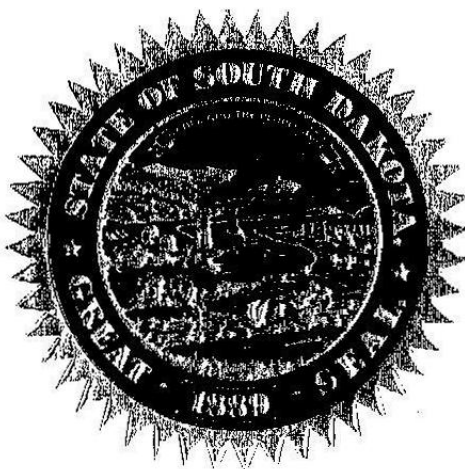
*Whereas*, St. Mary's Catholic School continues to be committed to quality Catholic education through its mission statement to strive for a united community of academic excellence and stewardship by embracing the Gospel and carrying the light of Christ; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper for the governor to give special recognition to St. Mary's Catholic School for its past, present, and future service to the community of Dell Rapids and the surrounding area, as area residents celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the life of this church school:

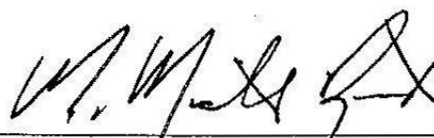
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2010, as

### *ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State